

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

~~Claims 1-44. (Cancelled)~~

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Claim 45. (currently amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

- a determiner adapted to send an inquiry ~~about information~~ to a network in order to determine a presence or an absence of a printer selected by a user connected to the network;
- an inquirer adapted ~~for making~~ to make an inquiry about a printer language supported by the printer connected to the network if said determiner determines the presence of the printer connected to the network; and
- a receiver adapted ~~for making~~ to receive information about the printer language supported by the printer, wherein the information about the printer language is sent in response to the inquiry.

Claim 46. (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said determiner determines a presence or an absence of a new printer connected to the network by inquiring about management information base information to the network.

~~Claim 47. (canceled)~~

Claim 48. (currently amended): ~~An information processing method~~

comprising the steps of:

sending an inquiry ~~about information~~ to a network in order to determine a presence or an absence of a printer selected by a user connected to the network;

making an inquiry about a printer language supported by the printer to the printer connected to the network if said determining step determines the presence of the printer connected to the network; and

receiving information about the printer language supported by the printer, wherein the information about the printer language is sent in response to the inquiry.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The method according to claim 48, wherein said determining step determines a presence or an absence of a new printer connected to the network by inquiring about management information base information to the network.

Claim 50. (canceled)

Claim 51. (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium for storing a program for implementing an information processing method, the program comprising:

code for sending an inquiry ~~about information~~ to a network in order to determine a presence or an absence of a printer selected by user connected to the network;

code for making an inquiry about a printer language supported by the printer to the printer connected to the network if said code for determining determines the presence of the printer connected to the network; and

~~code for receiving information about the printer language supported by the printer, wherein the information about the printer language is sent in response to the inquiry.~~

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Claim 52 (previously presented): The medium according to claim 51, wherein said code for determining determines a presence or an absence of a new printer connected to the network by inquiring about management information base information to the network.

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Claim 53 (previously presented): The medium according to claim 51, wherein the program further comprises code for displaying on a display a message indicating that the printer language supported by the printer is unidentifiable if said code for receiving does not receive the information about the printer language supported by the printer.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said determiner determines the presence or the absence of the printer connected to the network periodically.

Claim 55 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said determiner determines the presence or the absence of the printer connected to the network in response to a user's instruction.

Claim 56 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the printer language is used to represent a print job.

~~Claim 57 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 45,~~
wherein print data is converted according to the printer language supported by the printer,
so that the printer can interpret the print data.

Claim 58 (previously presented): The method according to claim 48,
wherein said determining step determines the presence or the absence of the printer
connected to the network periodically.

Claim 59 (previously presented): The method according to claim 48,
wherein said determining step determines the presence or the absence of the printer
connected to the network in response to a user's instruction.

Claim 60 (previously presented): The method according to claim 48,
wherein the printer language is used to represent a print job.

Claim 61 (previously presented): The method according to claim 48,
wherein print data is converted according to the printer language supported by the printer,
so that the printer can interpret the print data.

Claim 62 (previously presented): The medium according to claim 51,
wherein said code for determining determines the presence or the absence of the printer
connected to the network periodically.

Claim 63 (previously presented): The medium according to claim 51,
wherein code for determining determines the presence or the absence of the printer

connected to the network in response to a user's instruction

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Claim 64 (previously presented): The medium according to claim 51,

wherein the printer language is used to represent a print job.

Claim 65 (previously presented): The medium according to claim 51,

wherein print data is converted according to the printer language supported by the printer,
so that the printer can interpret the print data.